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# Devolin files papers in Minden Hills

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin will seek a second term at the helm of council. He filed nomination papers on May 7.

"This afternoon I filed as a candidate for mayor of Minden Hills," Devolin wrote in a social media post. "I thank those that supported my nomination filing, and hope that I will earn the backing of Minden Hills residents to continue the good works of the present council for another four years."

At press time, Devolin was the only candidate registered for the mayoral position.

Long-time Ward 1 Councillor Lisa Schell has filed to run as deputy mayor. For Ward 1, which has two seats at the council table, registered candidates as of May 7 were Jennifer Hughey and Clayton Cameron. In Ward 3, the former township of Snowdon, Russ Duhaime had filed papers to run as councillor.

Minden Hills Councillor-at-large Ron Nesbitt has filed nomination papers to reclaim his position.

In Algonquin Highlands, at press time, Deputy Mayor and Ward 2 Councillor Liz Danielsen and fellow Ward 2 Councillor Lisa Barry had filed papers to reclaim their positions. In Algonquin Highlands, the deputy mayor is not elected by the public, but rather by council.

The deadline to file as a candidate for October's municipal elections is Friday, July 27 at 2 p.m. Nomination papers and candidate information can be found on each of the lower-tier townships' websites, or at the municipal offices. Unofficial lists of candidates are also being kept on each of the websites.



#### Muscular Moss

The macho weightlifter enlisted by the Cops for Cancer/ **Pedal for Hope** team failed miserably, but Moss Davis had eaten breakfast, had a good night's sleep and was active throughout the day, making the task an easy one for him. See more on page 3./ **SUE TIFFIN Staff** 

## Liberals name community volunteer as candidate

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Brooklynne Cramp-Waldinsperger says she's proud to stand behind a number of Liberal programs that are making life easier for Ontarians.

Cramp-Waldinsperger was named the Liberal candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha

Lakes-Brock in the June 7 provincial election during a nomination meeting in Lindsay on May 7.

"I really see the way that OHIP Plus, publicly funded tuition and the basic income pilot are making a positive difference in people's lives," Cramp-Waldinsperger says.

The soon-to-be-22-year-old is a fourthyear political science student at Western University, was born and raised in the City of Kawartha Lakes and currently resides in Lindsay. Lindsay is one of a handful of communities that was selected for the provincial government's basic income pilot project, which got underway last year.

The OHIP Plus program provides free prescription medications for residents under the age of 25, and the Liberals are promising to expand the program to include those over the age of 65.

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# Time for a fresh voice, candidate says

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The province's new Ontario Student Assistance Program is providing free tuition for more than 200,000 students from low- and moderate-income households, as well as increasing OSAP grants to reduce student debt.

Cramp-Waldinsperger says she's grateful to be studying at the post-secondary level, "however, I know many of peers aren't able to do so because of financial constraints."

As MPP, she says she would continue to advocate for increased access to education, which has demonstrated correlation to opportunities in life.

Cramp-Waldinsperger has volunteered with a number of organizations within the riding, including the Centennial Place long-term care facility in Millbrook and the Lindsay Rugby Football Club, where she's an assistant coach. She's also worked for the Learning Disabilities Association, which she says showed her the riding requires better services.

"Rural transportation is something our community could

definitely benefit from," she says, adding that Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock could use heightened social services in general.

Cramp-Waldinsperger told the paper she doesn't see her age as a drawback, but as a strength.

"I see my young age as a benefit, rather than a negativity," she says.

"I really think it's time for a fresh voice in Queen's Park," Cramp-Waldinsperger continues. "We need somebody who is happy to advocate for constituents."

On incumbent PC MPP Laurie Scott, Cramp-Waldinsperger says it's Scott's lack of action on local priorities that has spurred her to run for office.

"Truth be told, she hasn't done a lot for our community,"

She adds that Scott and PC leader Doug Ford would cut the \$15 minimum wage the Liberal government has set to come into effect next year, says they have given up the Brooklynne Cramp-Waldinsperger is the Liberal fight on climate change and will cut public sector jobs.



candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock for the June 7 provincial election. /Submitted

# NDP selects candidate for provincial election

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

The Liberals and Progressive Conservatives – the two hegemonic parties of Ontario, as he puts it – don't work for the people of the province and have demonstrated they will not bring about the change they promise, Zac Miller says.

"The government obviously isn't working for us," Miller says, positing that instead, it tends to sway in the direction of lobbyists and business interests. "They're protecting profits instead of people.'

The 20-year-old Pontypool resident and political science student is the NDP candidate in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock for the June 7 provincial election, and isn't shy about calling out Ontario's two major parties for what he says are their ineffectiveness, incrementalism and gradualism.

"They represent no change," Miller says, noting that both parties will make promises about enacting policies that will make life easier for Ontarians, "but when they get into government, it's the same old continuity."

Miller, who just completed his first year of a political science degree at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology and has plans to subsequently pursue journalism, says the policies of the NDP resonate with him because they are about protecting Ontarians.

"I want to protect the consumer because at the end of the

day, that's pretty much all we are," he says.

He points to the high auto insurance rates that Ontarians face - the highest in the country - and the Liberals' repeated broken promises to enact measures to lower premiums. All the money that Ontarians are being overcharged is going straight into the pockets of insurance companies, Miller says.

The NDP platform includes a promised 15 per cent cut to auto insurance rates.

Miller cites a lack of affordable housing as a major challenge in the riding, and in the province at large.

"185,000 are waiting on a waiting list to get affordable housing," Miller says, adding that about a third of that waiting list is comprised of senior citizens. "Affordable housing has to be a big deal. The Liberals have done nothing to fix this problem they've inherited."

He adds the provincial waiting list for affordable housing has increased by more than 100,000 people during the 15year tenure of the current government.

The NDP platform includes 65,000 new affordable homes and a promise to fund one-third of the repair costs for crumbling social housing.

Social housing and other services were largely downloaded to municipal governments during the Mike Harris era, and Miller says that increased funding for municipalities is another NDP commitment that will help Ontarians.

"I've been going door-to-door and the one thing that people are saying is that their property taxes are too high," he says, adding that boosted municipal funding should help local governments be able to mitigate property tax increases.

The high cost of hydro had dogged the Wynne government for years and Miller says the NDP plan is to lower hydro bills by as much as 30 per cent by eliminating time-of-use pricing.

"That's a big burden that affects the middle class, the disappearing middle class," he says of hydro rates.

The party also believes Hydro One should be brought back under full public control.

Miller will be vying against longtime MPP Laurie Scott, who's held office since 2003, with the exception of the couple of years when Rick Johnson was the riding's Liberal MPP.

Scott had vacated her seat in 2009 to allow then-PC leader John Tory to run in a by-election in HKLB. Johnson beat Tory and was MPP until he was beaten by Scott in 2011.

Miller says Scott simply toes the PC party line and does not work in the interests of the riding's residents.





Political science student Zac Miller is the NDP candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the June provincial election. /Submitted by Zac Miller

"I mean, who is Laurie Scott?" he says. "She doesn't come out here. She doesn't listen to anyone but her party."

Scott had backed longtime MPP Christine Elliott in this spring's PC leadership campaign, Elliott eventually falling to now-leader Doug Ford.

When asked what he thinks about Ford as PC leader, Miller says, "Concerned, and pessimistic about our future if he's ever elected. Now she [Scott] is going to throw her weight behind policies that will make life even more unaffordable for everyone in our riding."

He also cites the PC track record of cutting public sector

Asked what he might say to critics who say he's not old enough to be taking on an experienced MPP, Miller says, "I don't want age to be a factor."

"We just need new ideas," he says. "The times are changing. It's time for actual change."



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# ASES students shave heads in support

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

The Cops for Cancer program has been in place for 25 years, and the Pedal for Hope cycling tour for 14. Police officers and emergency services personnel involved in the pediatric cancer awareness and fundraising program were making their 33rd presentation in the three-week tour when they rolled into Archie Stouffer Elementary School on May 4. But when they cycled back out, on their way to their next stop toward a final destination of Bowmanville, they'll remember that the students at the Minden school stood out.

Moss Davis became a champion weightlifter in a talent show. Miles Bascombe won that talent show with his pianoplaying skills. And Beth Allin, a Grade 4 student, made such an impact that the school assembly gave her a standing ovation. Besides shaving her head in a show of solidarity for kids who experience hair loss after cancer treatment, she raised \$1,430 in pledges for the Canadian Cancer Society – but rather than accept a prize of a Galaxy Tab tablet for being the top donation fundraiser, Allin donated the tablet back to a kid diagnosed with cancer, a motion of generosity that surprised even the police officers involved with the program for years.

"I felt bad for people who were bullied," said Allin of her

decision to join fellow students and teachers shaving their heads or cutting their ponytails, which will be used for wig creation. "I didn't think it was right they were teased, I didn't think it was fair."

The Cops for Cancer and Pedal for Hope team agreed. The event focused on the prevention of bullying, and also the prevention of some cancers, including skin cancer and lung cancer. Students were urged to be kind to each other, and to look after themselves by covering up in the sun and avoiding the difficulty of quitting smoking by never starting.

ASES educators Jenny Whiteway and Cheryl Patterson organized the stop at ASES, which was attended by family members of Dawson Hamilton, an ASES student who died of cancer in 2010.

"We always remember Dawson," Staff Sergeant Marc Habgood told the assembly. "We always ride our bikes for

According to the Cops for Cancer team, the mortality rate for kids with pediatric cancer has decreased from 80 per cent to 20 per cent because of the results of cancer research.

"You guys can be proud of being on this team," said Habgood.

Other top ASES earners were Nevaeh Smith, who raised \$801 and had her ponytail cut off, and Travis Mann, who raised \$920 and had his head shaved.



Beth Allin was the top earner in pledge money for the Canadian Cancer Society and then generously donated her hair, too, as her sister and mom stood by in support. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Andy Lippolis was all smiles alongside Dalton Fairey as the Archie Stouffer Elementary School students saw their hair shaved into patterns before it was shaved completely off to be donated for wig creation.

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June 7 - 9:00 am, Committee of the Whole Meeting

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Educational assistant Jenny Whiteway co-organized the event with teacher Cheryl Patterson, and then laughed as her daughter Jessa Thompson carefully helped her mom cut off her ponytail.



Miles Bascombe won the talent show for his pianoplaying skills. Here, he celebrates the certificate he received for his performance.

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## Snowmobiling association discusses challenging winter at AGM

by OLIVIA ROBINSON
Times Staff

The modest boardroom of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) was packed with more than 20 attendees for its annual general meeting on May 5. Board members discussed how the unpredictable climate resulted in the club netting a \$31,249.19 deficit in 2017-2018 snowmobiling season.

Treasurer Jim Richert, who delivered the HCSA's latest numbers via phone at the Saturday morning meeting, said that the club's total income was \$121,482.39, compared to the \$152,731.58 it doled out on expenses, which rounded out the season with a deficit of \$31,249.19.

The club pointed to the less-than-favourable winter for this shortfall. Of the 1,800 hours initially budgeted for grooming, the club raked in just 40 per cent of that time by the end of the 2017-2018 season.

The HCSA's permit revenue is not generated by the number of permits sold, but rather is directly tied to the number of hours when the trails are groomed. According to Richert, this means that expenditures relating to grooming were reduced because of the weather, so the overall revenue of the club was consequently impacted.

One of the risks of increasing grooming hours is that it could pose a risk of damaging equipment in less-than-favourable snow conditions, meaning that larger financial investments from the club would be needed down the road, president Dave Lloyd noted.

"Sustainability is so important. Instead



Haliburton County Snowmobile Association board members Liz Jesseman, Craig Bowker, Margo Ross-Beer, Dave Lloyd and Tom Nicholson discussed the challenges that the weather posed to the snowmobiling season in Haliburton at its annual general meeting on May 5. /OLIVIA ROBINSON Staff

of putting up some beat-up bridge, I'd rather see us go for gold and get that perfect, steel bridge that would last us a long time."

In the 2017/2018 season, the HCSA invested \$6,500 towards dock floats to a re-

pair floating bridge at Big Hawk and Three Brothers lakes, another \$5,500 in gates, bridge railings, lake stakes, and stones. Lloyd said that long-term projects free up time that can be better spent on crucial programming, like driver training and safety training around chainsaws.

Richert said, the club's bank account was in good shape from last season, meaning that the club has roughly a \$15,000 budget with which to operate until Dec. 1, once the new budget is approved.

Despite this, board members were optimistic for the upcoming snowmobiling season, thanks to the interest of the community in the HCSA, demonstrated in its online presence.

"It was as romantic as going from black and white TV to living colour," joked director John Enright, of the changes to the HCSA's website, which also serves as an landing page for trail conditions.

The HCSA's redesigned official trail

guide circulated roughly 5,000 copies this year. Enright also said that the HCSA's Facebook page grew by one third, closing in on 3,000 followers.

The annual general meeting was also a forum to highlight that there were land-owner disputes with the club last year. Lloyd said this typically occurs when a homeowner purchases a lot without realizing that a snowmobile trail snakes through their property. The HCSA is also monitoring how best to patrol for snowmobilers who are suspected of driving while high, in light of marijuana being legalized later this year.

Although temperatures continue to rise in Haliburton this week, the HCSA is encouraging the community to attend its monthly meetings, which are held the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 171 Mallard Rd. in Haliburton. For more information about the club, please visit http://hcsa.ca.



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# Youth hub receives provincial funding

by JENN WATT

Editor

Haliburton's youth hub proposal has received provincial funding, Marg Cox announced on Thursday.

The executive director of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents said Haliburton was one of only six hubs to receive money out of 39 applications from across Ontario.

A dollar figure hasn't yet been released by the Ministry of Child and Youth Services, but Cox said knowing funding is coming gives the initiative a head start.

"The ideas are endless. Some resources are here to make

it happen. We can only look forward to moving forward together," she told a packed meeting room at Point in Time's Haliburton office on May 3.

It is hoped that the youth hub will create a space for young people between the ages of 12 and 25 where they can be social in a safe space. The model brings together service organizations in the community as well, which means supports for mental health, employment, housing, life skills and primary health care can all be brought under one roof.

Because the concept is in early stages, Cox did not speculate on where the hub would be or the hours it would

Young people at the meeting said having a space to go

outside of the school would go a long way to address problems they're dealing with. Supporting each other through grief, making a space to be able to talk, giving them something to do and a place to congregate were all recognized as needs by the teenagers at the meeting.

It was suggested this could help reduce drug use among young people and would give them somewhere to go after

The project has been co-ordinated by Point in Time and Haliburton Highlands Health Services along with several other community partners.

Cox said she anticipates there will be a need to fundraise additional dollars for the hub and will be releasing details about that effort when they become available.



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## A month

**CHAD INGRAM** 

Reporter

THE PROVINCIAL election campaign is officially underway and in just less than a month's time, we'll know who Ontario's next premier will be.

While many of us may cynically assume the election's result to be a foregone conclusion – the next government will be a PC one, whether minority or majority - a lot can happen during the

course of an election campaign. They do matter.

A week is a lifetime in politics, the adage goes, but in the era of the internet and 24hour news channels, that week can be shortened to a day. What was news at breakfast can become

a footnote by dinnertime. A scandal that seemed poised to decimate an entire party is so washed away by a constant barrage of digital information that no one even thinks or talks about it anymore.

Patrick who, now?

Since he won the PC leadership this spring, former Toronto councillor Doug Ford has consistently led in the polls. For a time, current Premier Kathleen Wynne ranked second, although she has slipped to third place in many polls in recent days.

Ford and Wynne are both widely disliked, even by members of their own parties. A poll conducted for Maclean's magazine shows that many partisan voters will hold their

noses as they go to the ballot box, voting for their party not so much because they like or believe in the leader, but to prevent the other from winning. It seems many Ontarians will not be voting for someone in this election; they will be voting against someone.

That is not an ideal situation. The unpopularity of Ford and Wynne should leave lots of room for experienced NDP leader

Andrea Horwath to come up the middle. If there's an election Horwath can win, surely, it should be this one, and if she doesn't, it seems likely the NDP will seek out a new chief.

Locally, we have finally learned that we will have both

an NDP and Liberal candidate on the ballot in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, those candidates just announced in recent days. Both are ambitious young people and kudos to them for throwing their proverbial hats into the ring. If they don't end up in Queen's Park, the campaign process will certainly be a valuable experience for both of them.

A Libertarian candidate is the other competitor to popular incumbent MPP Laurie Scott, and it seems that, this time around, we will not have a Green party option in HLKB.

That said, a lot can happen during an election campaign.

In fact, the next month may feel like an eternity.



"Sorry, no rest for the angelic either."

## Of bucks and men

HE OTHER DAY a good friend of ours emailed us a beautiful photo of a wood duck drake in full plumage. I looked at it, shook my head and said, "That's a gorgeous duck."

Even so, I felt sorry for it. When it comes to birds and some mammals like deer, moose, elk, lions, and silverback gorillas, the female of the species has it easy. The female, after all, is often beautiful in a subtle, subdued kind of way that remains consistent throughout the year. The males, on the other hand, must dress a lot more dramatically, just to get a little attention – or spend inordinate amounts

of time beating their chests. Basically, this makes them look very desperate.

This, I think, is what separates modern man from the beasts. Wood ducks dress up to find a mate. Modern man is more likely to text at 11 p.m. while wearing track pants.

It cannot be easy being one of these animals, however. After all, texting is difficult enough without man-sized thumbs and autocorrect.

This is not unusual in nature.

I wouldn't want to be a male deer, moose or elk either. I mean, if you think about it, a bull or buck pays a very high price for a little love.

Human males sometimes act like bone heads in order to attract a mate. Male ungulates such as deer, elk and moose take this literally. They actually grow bones out of their heads. And these bones get progressively heavier until early fall when they stop growing. Until that time these antlers are tender and basically useless. Worse still they make the wearer look kind of silly and get caught in all sorts of things.

All this changes once the antlers harden in September. Then, they just serve to get their owner into trouble.

The buck or bull spends much time rubbing

them against trees to polish them and remove

the ragged green velvet that remains. After that the antlers are only good for fighting off rivals who are interested in the same female you are and revealing your position when lay-

The good news is females will give bucks or bulls with antlers a second look and, should the mood be just right, the male will get a day or two of love before the female kicks him to

Then he continues his quest for true love. So, to recap: A buck must carry somewhere between three and nine pounds' worth of antlers on the top of his head for most of the

year, just to have a few nights of love with females that are using him for his genetics; similarly, a bull moose must carry up to 80 pounds and a bull elk carries somewhere in between.

That's crazy when you consider that most human males must only bathe, wear cheap cologne, know how to use cutlery and own a car. Who am I kidding? Three out of four of those things will typically do, which, if you think about it, is hardly fair.

Especially since, given the chance to wear antlers or cheap cologne, most of us would choose antlers.

I believe this also provides ample evidence the females of these species are smarter. After all, wood duck drakes wear their full plumage from autumn to spring, which means they are easier to see and more desirable targets for hunters and other predators than the less colourful female. Bucks and bulls with their antlers are also targeted far more than cows and does.

How is any of this useful to the outdoorsman?

Well, it just proves what most of us already know. Dressing up for a special occasion is not all it's cracked up to be. And there has never been a logical reason to wear a tie.



**STEVE GALEA** Beyond 35

## **INOTHER**WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

## In the stockyards of the sky

AM BOOT-HORNED into seat 37B at 31,000 feet, massaging numbness from my legs when I taste a wetness at the corners of my mouth. It is a salty wetness and I realize that I am crying. In fact, I am about to

This is embarrassing. My mind shifts to overdrive, thinking of how to conceal choking sobs from my fellow passengers.

Hide beneath a blanket? Airlines don't provide them unless you pay for them. Bury my head in a pillow? They no longer hand out pillows either.

I am not wearing a hoodie so that's no help. Eye drops? Good idea but they are in a carry-on buried in a hopelessly overloaded overhead bin.

I wipe away the tears furtively, then pull myself together and question why I am crying on an airplane.



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

Studies confirm that people are more likely to cry on airplanes than on the ground. A survey from Virgin Atlantic found that 55 per cent of people admitted to being more emotional than normal when hurtling through the stratosphere.

No one seems to know why. Some say it could be the general anxiety of flying.

It is storming below so the flight is rocky. Also there are recent stories about aircraft engines flying apart because of metal fatigue.

Then there's the crowded skies. Aviation data companies that track all the aircraft in our skies report an average 9,728 planes, carrying 1,270,406

passengers, in the sky at any given time.

The lightest day for air traffic in recent times was Jan. 1, 2017, when there were a peak 3,354 planes in the sky at the same time. The heaviest air traffic day was Aug. 5, 2016, when 12,856 planes carrying 1,590,929 people made radar screens look like spider webs.

But I am a trained private pilot, and understand all this stuff so it doesn't make me anxious. Certainly not enough to cry.

Flight crews have observed that their passengers tend to cry more while watching movies.

A survey by Gatwick Airport in London found that 15 per cent of men and six per cent of women said they are more likely to cry watching an inflight movie than at home.

However, I don't watch movies on airplanes. The movie screens now are in the seatback in front of you and the seats are so close that anyone wearing progressive lens eyeglasses gets a stiff neck trying to focus.

I wouldn't be watching today's movie anyway because the guy sitting next me says it is called *The Shape of Water* and is about a woman who dates a

There is speculation that being in a pressurized cabin at high altitude affects levels of mood-regulating hormones serotonin and dopamine. The different atmosphere sends the hormones a bit wonky and the tears begin to

But it's not flying anxiety or rattled hormones that are dissolving me into a puddle of tears. It's nothing to do with the airplane. It's all about getting to

Today's airports are playgrounds for digital screens and torture chambers for passengers. The screens surround you, grinning and chortling as they dare you to approach.

There is no avoiding them. You must approach. They control whether you get baggage tags, a boarding pass, even passport clearance.

Only a digital screen can permit you to move into the next line of airport captives snaking its way through other banks of digital screens, humming scanners and silent hidden cameras. Seen from above the captives are unbroken lines wandering wearily through a maze in search of the Pharaoh's Tomb.

The reward at the maze exit is a corridor of food booths where the traveller can replenish the 10,000 calories burned during the airport passage. The \$38 for a panini, small salad and a bottle of water is enough to make anyone cry

The airlines say they are committed to reducing passenger stresses. Some are even considering sleeper berths for larger airplanes on longer haul routes. Just crawl in and sleep away the stresses and bad memories of the airport passage.

Sounds sweet but you can bet the prices will have you bawling.

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# Gardening is exercise!

Practical Fitness

with our garden this year. Over the past couple of days I've been out cultivating the soil with one of those garden claw things. After a few years of this not being done it was quite a bit of work to get through the tiny roots that are everywhere. I decided to turn my efforts into an experiment of how an hour of

gardening compares to an hour of walking. I set my fitness tracker and got to work. Here are the results:

• In one hour of walking I covered 5.06 km, burned 311 calories, and saw my heart rate get to a maximum of 129 bpm.

• In one hour of gardening I covered .92 km, burned 350 calories and saw my heart rate get to maximum of 149 bpm.

It's important to keep in mind that the terrain walked on will affect the numbers just as the type of gardening that is done. My walking route was rather flat, and the gardening, thanks to roots, was strenuous. Still, I have a new appreciation of using gardening as a form of exercise. As I have said before, I believe all movement counts. The most important point is that we bring as many different types of movement into our lives as we

One of the greatest benefits of gardening is the multidimensional movement that is built in to the activity. Changing directions, bending down, standing up and balancing on uneven surfaces are all part of the game. Generally speaking, none

of this happens on a walk. That makes gardening a great activity for functional fitness.

This information gathering has changed my approach to gardening. I will now treat it as a workout, and plan it out accordingly with a warm-up and cool down. It will look like this:

• Warm-up: five to 10 minutes of prepa-

ration time that will include walking around to survey what needs to be done, getting the tools ready, and some light warm-up moves like squats and windmills.

• Working time: 40 to 45 minutes of working time that will include drinking water, especially in the hot weather.

• Cool down: 10 to 15 minutes of putting all the tools away, and stretching

the muscles used, especially of the legs and buttock (if you would like some effective stretches, please write to me at the address below and I will email you instructions).

The additional benefits to using gardening as exercise is that it gets an item crossed off of the to-do list, and it feeds the soul with time spent in the dirt with the worms and slugs. It really is precious.

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal fitness trainer and Spinning instructor. She owns and operates The Point for Fitness. She an be reached at laurie@thepointforfitness.com.



#### **Dishing out dollars**

A smiling group met on May 3 when representatives of Branch 636 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Minden presented a \$4,400 cheque to a group from the Minden Food Bank and Community Centre. Money was largely raised from break open ticket sales and food sales. Don Veno, food bank chairman, said the donation would help with the new lift being installed at the food bank. Marilynne Lesperance, vice-chair, called it an "amazing gift." From left, Al Mayo, Legion charity; Paul Norry, Legion treasurer; Jim Ross, Legion president; Don Veno, representing the Legion and the food bank; Jim Donaldson, Legion first vice-president; Joanne Barnes, Minden Food Bank manager; Rick Wilson, Legion second vice-president; and Marilynne Lesperance, food bank vice-chair and manager of the community kitchen. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



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# AH to consult public about Dorset library

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

The Township of Algonquin Highlands will consult users the Dorset Recreation Centre about how they would like to see the space within the building that has housed the Dorset branch of the Haliburton County Public Library used in the future.

As reported earlier in the *Times*, last year, the library board made a recommendation that the Dorset branch, which has low circulation numbers, be converted from a full library branch to a book pick-up and drop-off depot.

The Dorset location is one of eight branches of the Haliburton County Public Library.

According to stats provided by the library board, outside of the months of July and August, the number of items circulated at the Dorset branch on a monthly basis is consistently fewer than 200, often well below that number.

Circulation numbers for April, May and June of 2017 were 116, 115 and 144, respectively. Numbers for July and August were 248 and 301, respectively. In December of 2016, the number was just more than 100, at 102.

During a January meeting, Algonquin Highlands councillors requested that a transition plan for the change be created. A staff report from parks, trails and rec manager Chris Card had indicated that most of the programming at the location would be able to continue, and that some physical renovations would allow more effective use of the space.

During a May 3 meeting, councillors received a staff report from Card suggesting a timeline of about five months for the transition. During a three-month period, the township would finalize furniture quotes and orders; rec centre staff would receive training from library staff; and members of programming groups would be contacted in order to determine a plan for the continuation of programming.

At the end of that three-month period, the library space would close for two months to undergo renovations, while the area housing public access computers, which is currently separate from the library space, would remain open.

During last week's meeting, Mayor Carol Moffatt said she'd like to see the public, particularly the users of the facilities at the Dorset Recreation Centre, consulted for ideas before council made a decision about what to do with the space.

'So I wonder if council would support waiting, to take some time through the summer, and seek more public feedback," Moffatt said. She added that, "There's a ton of people who use that facility who may not even know this conversation is happening."

Councillors were supportive of seeking public feedback.

"This isn't the first time we've talked about this," said Councillor Marlene Kyle. "We've talked about this space and the fact that it has been underutilized and the amount of traffic that goes through . . . some of the positive things that are going on, such as the use of the CAP [community access program] computers."

"Also, we need to find out exactly where the county stands on it," Kyle continued. "The county, I think, has been kind of a little bit round-about on this, they it's underutilized, but that's all they've told us.

"So, just to clarify, it's not the county, it's the public library board," said Moffatt.

While the County of Haliburton is the library's main funding source, under the Public Libraries Act, the library is governed by a board that includes members of the public, as well as municipal representatives.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen is Algonquin Highlands' rep on the library board. Danielsen emphasized at last week's meeting that the conversation about the Dorset library branch was started by the board, not Algonquin Highlands council.

"I just want to make it clear, particularly for people in the public, that this discussion started at the library board, and not here, so we're just trying to work together to figure out what the best thing is for everybody, and I know it's contentious and difficult," she said. "It's proving to be a challenge for the library board. They have to work within limited budgets and try to staff eight libraries, and they just basically look at the use of them all."

Councillor Brian Lynch, whose wife was supervisor at the Dorset branch until she retired at the end of last month, said

during the last quarter, there had been 220 visits to the library branch. Both Lynch and Danielsen noted that since the CAP area at the Dorset site is separate from the library space, this has some impact on the figures when it comes to foot traffic.

"The CAP usage and the library are divided," Danielsen said. "So it seems to skew the number a little bit."

Card also noted the library branch's limited hours – it's open eight hours a week – likely also have some bearing on its circulation figures.

Danielsen and Card will be making further inquiries to the library board about possibilities at the space, and the township will then implement a public consultation process.

Moffatt noted that more and more, libraries are becoming community hubs, not just rooms with books in them.

"I think, for me, that's the big thing, is, I'd like us to find a way, and this is maybe where the public has some ideas, is how to have that space open more often as a public space, not just a library with books in it. And again, if folks want it to be a space that's open eight hours a week with just books in it, so be it. I think it's exciting to explore other opportunities.'



There's a ton of people who use that facility who may not even know this conversation is happening.

— ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS MAYOR CAROL MOFFATT

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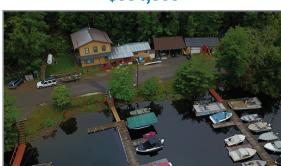


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# Celebrating monarchy in Minden

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

For the May long weekend, Sinclair Russell is organizing a celebration of the British monarchy, which he points out, is also the Canadian monarchy.

"Elizabeth the Second is the Queen of Canada," Russell says. "Not many people know that or maybe don't want to admit it, but she is the Queen of Canada."

Under the constitutional monarchy, Elizabeth is the head of state of Canada, as well as the other British common-

In an event many are likely aware of, her grandson, Prince Harry, is set to be married later this month to now-retired movie star Meghan Markle, and it's around that wedding that Russell decided to organize an event he is calling Monarchy in Minden.

"I was looking at the calendar and I saw the royal wedding was the same weekend as Victoria's birthday," Russell says.

An avid monarchist, Russell has a keen interest not just in the world's most famous monarchy, but monarchy in



Sinclair Russell is organizing a celebration of the British monarchy for the Victoria Day long weekend, which this year coincides with the marriage of Prince Harry to movie star Meghan Markle./ **CHAD INGRAM** Staff

general.

"I like the continuity of it," Russell says. "I think that's

what royalty is all about, you have continuity. Even though the government changes, you have a continuity that happens.'

Russell and a friend travelled to London back in 1981 when Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer, the couple who would become parents to princes William and

"We walked the route of the parade the day before and saw all the flowers and the flags and everything, and even right down to St. Paul's Cathedral, all the flowers were done already," Russell recalls. The following day they watched the wedding from a television at a friend's flat.

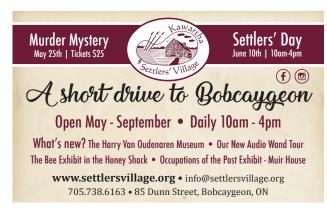
"You couldn't get anywhere near it," Russell says, adding they saw much more on TV than they would have trying to wade their way through the throngs of people.

Victoria Day weekend falls May 18 through 21 this year and Russell is encouraging Minden shopkeepers to fly the British flag in honour of the royal weekend. There will be royal trivia at the Dominion Hotel on Thursday, May 17, and a wedding brunch, also at the Dominion, on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The royal wedding will be shown on the screens.

At the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, there will be exhibits and activities throughout the day on Saturday, May 19.

From 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Sterling Bank building, there will be a fashion exhibit. An exhibit featuring monarchs, both the ruling kind and the former Minden hockey team, will be set up in the common room. Tea will be served in the Bowron House, the first tea commencing at 11 a.m.

The royal wedding will be screened in the common room at noon, and there will also be croquet on the lawn. Attendees are also encouraged to don their best fascinator and pack a picnic lunch.







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## Greer to continue mental health awareness campaign at nationals

by NATE SMELLE Times Staff

Having only recently returned home from the 13th annual Miss North Ontario 2018 pageant in Sudbury, Minden's Jordyn Greer is already aspiring to reach a new goal.

Placing in the top 10 out of the 31 contestants from throughout northern Ontario, Greer was also selected along with five other young women as a national finalist for the Miss Teenage Canada pageant being held this August in Toronto.

While at the pageant in Sudbury, Greer took part in several workshops focused on promoting positive body image; dealing with stress and finances; exercise; confidence; public speaking and laughing yoga. Describing the experience as "life-changing" the 18-year-old high school graduate said she was moved by how welcoming and supportive her fellow contestants were.

"It was such a cool atmosphere, where everyone was so positive, so loving and accepting," Greer said.

"I was the second girl who showed up on the first morning, and the first girl there ran out and hugged me and grabbed stuff from my car and helped me bring it inside. It was so welcoming."

Greer and the other contestants also took part in another interesting group activity called Essence. During this session, she said all the contestants sat down in a circle in the dark with candles burning, passing around a microphone and sharing stories from their own lives. When it was her turn with the microphone, Greer said she shared her struggles. The most important lesson she said she learned from the experience was that everyone has a purpose.

"There were so many girls that had stories that were similar to mine, and so many stories that were different from mine as well," Greer said.

"It was saddening but also cool to see how everyone else had been impacted; and that we were all there together at Miss North Ontario for a reason. Everyone there was so passionate about making a positive change in the world."

A passionate advocate for mental health awareness, Greer is striving to be the change she wants to see in her community and the world.

As a victim of bullying, and someone who understands how a simple act of kindness can help someone who is having a bad day, Greer made a bold fashion choice during the competition. Asked to choose an outfit that was pink, black and white, Greer, unlike the rest of the contestants who chose a fancy outfit, decided to put a T-shirt with the words "Kindness Matters" on the front.

"One of the reason that I am doing all this is to understand who I am as a person inside and out," said Greer.

"Also, to put myself out there to reach bigger crowds of people in relation to what I want to do – help people."

In order to participate in the nationals, Greer said she needs to raise \$3,000 to cover travel costs and pageant expenses. She is currently in the process of creating a new GoFundMe page, which will soon be accessible online. In the meantime, she said anyone who would like to donate can contact her directly at 705-306-3350; or by email at jordynrox@live.com.



Jordyn Greer wore her Kindness Matters T-shirt in the competition. She said she wants to help make a difference.



Jordyn Greer placed in the top 10 of 31 contestants in northern Ontario. She is a finalist for Miss Teenage Canada./Submitted











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## Townships should treat volunteers as employees, council hears

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

When it comes to insurance and risk management, municipal governments should essentially treat volunteers as through they are employees, members of Algonquin Highlands council heard last week.

This includes proper training and vulnerable sector background checks, conducted by police, for volunteers who may be working with children, or large sums of money, for example.

Robin McCleave, a risk manager with insurance firm Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada visited councillors during their May 3 meeting.

"The only difference between a volunteer and an employee is that an employee gets paid," McCleave said, adding that during the hours they are offering their time, volunteers are representatives of the township. "You need to have the ability to supervise your volunteers."

McCleave said this supervision could either come from staff members, or volunteers who've been specially trained to perform the supervisory duties.

She also recommended volunteers be screened.

"Screening does create a safe environment. It's what they refer to as legitimate discrimination." McCleave said.

It's recommended that vulnerable sector

background checks be instituted for anyone dealing with vulnerable groups such as children, or with sums of money on the township's behalf.

"So many of our activities involve five- and ten-dollar amounts," said Councillor Brian Lynch, asking if working with such small amounts of money really warranted a background check.

McCleave said when it comes to cash, it was really volunteers who may be running a gift shop, or who operate a bank account on behalf of the township, who should undergo checks, as opposed to someone taking money at the gate of a fundraiser.

In that way, Councillor Marlene Kyle asked if volunteers at the annual Dorset Snowball should be required to undergo screening.

Ultimately, it's up to council, McCleave indicated.

"It's really your policies and procedures and what you want to set," she said, adding that the township needed to assess the risk involve.

Certainly, dealing with minors – anyone under the age of 18 – poses an inherent risk. While volunteers can be asked to sign waivers, "ultimately, a minor cannot waive their right to sue," McCleave said. Nor can parents of a minor waive that right.

"Are you suggesting we don't use them at all?" Lynch asked.

"No, not at all," McCleave said, but indicated that volunteers who are minors should only be assigned duties with minimal risk – they

should not operate a chainsaw, for instance – and should be given the same training as any staff members performing the same duties.

"I'm not discouraging minors, you just have to be aware of the duties you're giving them," McCleave said.

McCleave recommended having waivers and paperwork in place, including manuals for volunteers.

"Insurance is all about what you've done to

mitigate risk," said Mayor Carol Moffatt.

Moffatt said the challenge for the township was to find a balance between not being overly onerous, and not mitigating risk sufficiently.

"That's the fine line of, where do you land on this, which is where we're struggling," Moffatt said.

Parks, recs and trails manager Chris Card will conduct research and bring some draft policy back to the council table.



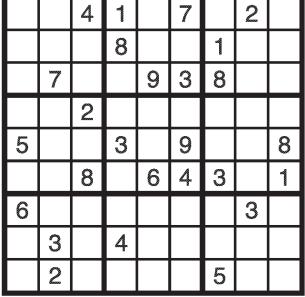
#### 100 Women help HERS

100 Women Who Care Haliburton County donated \$5,500 to the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS), operated by the YWCA, last week. From left are HERS volunteer and 100 Women member Bonnie Roe; 100 Women member Sandra Slauenwhite-Box; Daisy Downs of the YWCA; Darlene Smith-Harrison of the YWCA; Tina Palmer of 100 Women; and Joan Featherstone, who founded 100 Women Who Care Haliburton County. The group meets three times a year at the Dominion Hotel, where members contribute \$100 and nominate a charitable cause where the funds will be donated, then hold a vote to determine which organization will receive the funding. Roe nominated HERS during the group's last meeting. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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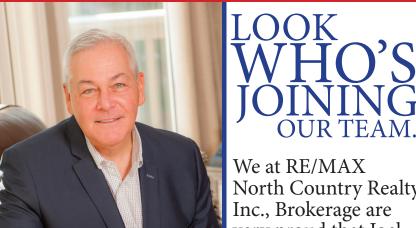
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Where: Red Umbrella Inn 1075 Red Umbrella Road,

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Time: 11:30 a.m. - Social & Luncheon 1p.m. - Games

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#### **Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days 2018**

Wild Leeks, Edibles and Spring Wildflowers When: Saturday May 12, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Where: Abbey Gardens

Explore the woods at Abbey Gardens and forage for wild edibles with food forester and wild epicurean Carolyn Langdon.

Please register before attending to help with food preparation quantities. Register at www.haliburtonlandtrust. ca under the Events tab or call 705-457-3700. Funded in part by TD Friends of the Environment. Cost \$5 per person includes soup.

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Where: Minden Legion

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When: Wed. May 16. Doors open 6 p.m.; speaker 7 p.m. What: Leopolda Dobrzensky presents Pioneer Women: The Unsung Heroes of Haliburton

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#### For more info contact Gail 705-286-2225 **Introduction to Mindfulness**

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#### **Summer games underway**

Volunteers of the executive and convenors for the Haliburton/Muskoka team gather around the flag on April 26. Ontario Senior Games Association 55+ Haliburton/Muskoka Summer Games is May 3 to June 21. They welcome all adults 55 years and older. The games are open to all levels of experience. The OSGA 55+ District Games are a fantastic way to meet new friends with a common interest in an active lifestyle. Whether you enjoy card games, raquet sports or team sports, there is an opportunity for everyone. The Ontario 55+ Games provide a special experience for every competitor to be active physically, mentally and socially. The events are bid euchre, bocce, bowling five-pin, bridge contact and duplicate, carpet bowling, cribbage, crokinole, euchre, golf, pickleball, shuffleboard, tennis and walking prediction time. Information can be found on the events' dates, times and locations on the OSGA website, osga55plus.ca. Click on Districts, then click Central, then District 11 Muskoka/Haliburton. /Submitted



## **Bowling Scores**

Fast Lane bowling stats for Monday afternoon, April 30

High Average (cumulative)

Women - Chris Cote - 198

Men – Claude Cote – 206 This Week's Highs - Women

High Single - Chris Cote - 248

High Triple – Chris Cote – 634

High Single Hcp – Gloria Taylor – 283

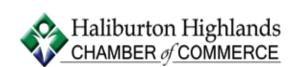
High Triple Hcp - Gloria Taylor - 756

This Week's Highs – Men

High Single – Robert Terro & John Whitty – 232

High Triple – Claude Cote – 624

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# **Downtown Minden fashion** show out of this world

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

Raging winds and a power outage on one side of Minden's main street could not stop a full crowd from coming out in a strong show of support for shopkeeper Anna Vince and her community-minded space day fashion show on May 4.

The event featured more than 30 different models walking a runway wearing 34 different outfits that show the range of clothing available at Clothes Encounters of the Thrift Kind, Vince's downtown Bobcaygeon Road thrift shop. Children's clothing, formal wear, professional wear, shoes and accessories were featured during the hour-long show.

"I wanted to showcase what a diverse range of clothing options we have in store, for all ages, shapes and sizes,' said Vince. She wore a turquoise suit with a Trekkie graphic T-shirt and galaxy print scarf in celebration of Star Wars Day and International Space Day, which fell on May 4 this

Using power from Grill on the Gull next door to run extension cords and LED work lights, Dominion Hotel staff worked around the loss of power that evening to host about 50 people at the event.

"We had a good mind to cancel the event but the organizers had put so much work into it and had such high spirits we couldn't resist," said Shawn Chamberlin of Dominion Hotel. "Staff also didn't want to miss the opportunity of helping to support a local charity. That and the room was packed with folks who wanted a show. As they say, 'The show must go on.""

Make-up was donated by Pharmasave and volunteers including Shirley Kuni organized models behind the scenes.

At press time, the event had raised \$400 for Katie's Run in support of epilepsy research. After the show, Vince said she plans on making it an annual event.



A crowd came out for the Clothes Encounters of the Thrift Kind fashion show, including this table of fashionistas, who got a front-row view of the runway.



The show went on, on May 4, with some quickthinking adaptations by the Dominion staff and Anna Vince, Clothes Encounters of the Thrift Kind shopkeeper, who held the event to celebrate space day, Star Wars day and community.



Naiomi and Clementine Bainbridge strike a pose dressed in style from head to toe at the Clothes Encounters of the Thrift Kind fashion show held at the Dominion on May 4./SUE TIFFIN Staff



Models, such as Corinne Kusluski, volunteered to be in the fashion show presented by Anna Vince of Clothes Encounters of the Thrift Kind. Clothing that was showed off ranged from casual, dressy, professional and full-on glamorous.

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#### **Dione Taylor closes folk** society season

Juno-nominated artist Dione Taylor and The Backsliderz performed their mix of jazz and gospel tunes at the Northern **Lights Performing Arts Pavilion** May 5. / OLIVIA ROBINSON Staff



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#### **Junior girls tangle with Wildcats**

The HHSS Red Hawks junior girls soccer team battled it out on the field with the I.E. Weldon Wildcats, but in the end the Wildcats took the game 7-0 on the afternoon of May 7. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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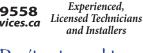
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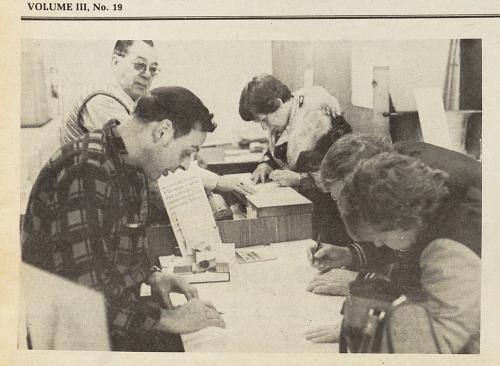
#### Rockcliffe Hotel

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Wednesday, March 4, 1981



It was a busy Saturday for Don and Reg Booth, left, as they processed licence renewal forms for motor vehicles. They handled close to 100 applications on Saturday, down somewhat from the 250 received Friday. Don Booth described the last minute rush as "about average" compared with other years. He noted that 50 to 60 individuals decided to wait until the rush was over, and stopped in Monday for the renewal stickers. Drivers caught on the road with 1980 validation stickers on their licence plates are liable for a fine under the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act.

## Club to get new roof

is going to get a new roof.

Representatives of the club and the contractor, Ray Knight Construction of Orillia, reached the agreement last week after a meeting was held at the new facility. The results of the agreement were announced at a special gathering of curling club members Wednesday evening.

According to club president Jim Garbutt, the club was presented with three options to correct the leaking roof. He said there was a possibility of having another coating placed over the original roof to seal it, repairs to the damaged panels or having an entire new roof installed. Garbutt said the contractor was opposed to the second option because he felt that close to two-thirds of the roofing panels were incorrectly installed.

The club representatives opted for the entire new roof

The Minden Curling Club and work is expected to begin going to get a new roof. as soon as weather conditions permit. There is a three week waiting period while the material is being ordered.

The president said that when the roof is being replaced, the insulation which has been soaked with water will be examined. If it is felt the insulating value of the material has been lost, that too will be replaced. Garbutt pointed out that the insulation may still be useful once it has dried out and any decision on replacing all or part of the material in the roof will have to wait until it is inspected.

A meeting of close to 50 members of the curling club Wednesday evening were told of the decision. Those in of the decision. Those in attendance also quizzed club executives about problems during the construction of the new facility and other club

## Deficit blamed on water line extensions

Minden water system in 1978 has been blamed for the current deficit position of the water budget. That point was made during a presentation to Anson, Hindon and Minden

Township council February 25 as they met with representatives of their auditing firm.
The councillors were told that areas where the water line was extended generate \$8100 in revenue while the seeds in revenue while the yearly cost to pay for the installation

Bobcaygeon Road north, Orde Street and Teesdale Street among others.

Street among others.

Peter Carroll of MacGilliyray and Company, the
township's auditors, presented the breakdown in costs to
the councillors. He had
appeared before the council in
late December with a
preliminary appraisal of the
water and sewer systems and water and sewer systems and was asked by the members to return with a detailed examin-ation of the financing of the two systems

amounts to \$23,000.

The water lines were extended in 1978 along various sections of the by-pass amounts to \$23,000.

Carroll said the fact the deficit is being created by the extensions could be the

of the Environment. The pro-vincial agency installed the new water lines and established the rates which property owners would have to pay to return the capital outlay which was made. Since the rate does not return the needed revenue to cover the yearly capital cost of the new water lines, the system is faced with a yearly deficit of close to \$15,000, Carroll told the meeting. The water system in total is also generating a \$7500 operating deficit he pointed out.

At the moment the water system has an accumulated deficit of \$33,000 and the auditor said he expected another \$8000 to be added to that amount of the same of the that amount this year. Carroll noted however, that the municipality has some \$54,000 in prepaid frontage charges from both systems. This money is being used as operating capital from year to year and will cover the accumulated deficit if the size of that deficit is not allowed to

Carroll suggested the council should discuss the matter of the capital deficit with the representatives of the Ministry of the Environment. He said they might be able to change the terms of the capital cost repayment system to more accurately reflect the

cost to the municipality.

As to the operating deficit,

responsibility of the Ministry 25% increase would represent

Carroll said the residents of the community should realize they are not being unfairly treated. He said the water rates should have been increased gradually during the past few years but they were not, leading the current deficit position.

Councillor Lyle McKnight told the meeting he expected an increase of 50% would have been needed to get the water system out of the red ink. He appeared relieved that only a 25% hike would be required.

According to the auditor, one of the reasons the township's water and sewer systems were suffering financial problems was that these sectors were not receiving their share of the provincial grant. He pointed out that the province provides out that the province provides each municipality with a grant based on the revenue it generates. This includes taxes, fines, fees and charges for water and sewer services. He said the revenue from these systems represents about 17% of the income realized by the township and so 17% of the grant from the province should be used to support

these services.

Carroll told the councillors that by applying that portion of the provincial grant from the last three yeas and the 1981 portion, the sewer system will be in a surplus

and sewer accounts will mean the general fund will have to raise that extra amount or spending will have to be cut by

provided by the auditor, not so much for what the figures revealed, but because the financial state of the water and sewer system was clari-fied. "It is beginning to make The councillors seemed pleased with the explanation

## Water meters considered by township council

The question of whether meters should be installed to meters should be installed to measure individual residence and commercial establishment water consumption was considered at some length during the February 25 meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden Township council. The matter was raised in conjunction with a review of the water system's financial problems.

Reeve Lloyd Walker told the meeting he was in favour of having meters installed in

of having meters installed in the village. "It is certainly a lot the vitage. It is certainly a for fairer way of assessing costs," he said. "If we could afford it I would like to see the entire community on meters."

Township auditor Peters of the control of the con

Carroll described the suggestion as one which would require a cost-benefit analysis, to determine if the additional expense of purchasing and installing the meters could be recouped at a reasonable rate. The meeting was told by the clerk-treasurer, Elinor Burke, that

an installation time of one hour.

At the moment water At the moment water charges are assessed on a unit basis. A residential user is assessed at three units while commercial establishments generally have a higher number of units depending on the estimated water usage. the estimated water usage. The assigning of the number of units is done in reference to

Councillor Ed Pergolas questioned the validity of some of the ratings on the list and suggested that the council review the entire assessment process. He said the list was

out of date.
Councillor Lyle McKnight
told the meeting that he felt meter installation was too expensive and the council should reject the idea. Councillor Larry Cummins suggested that if the council were to consider meters, they should be installed at commercial establishments

The matter was left unresolmeters for the water system ved but it appears likely it will would cost approximately be raised for further \$100 each and would require discussion at later meetings.

### February weather by Phil Graham

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Average high	.8	33.4
Average low	-9.8	14.9
Average for the month	-4.5	23.9
Average for February 1980	-11.2	11.8
High temperature (Feb. 22)	9.5	49.1
Lowest temperature (Feb. 5)	-34	-29.2
Snowfall	54 cm	21 in.
Rainfall	58.8 mm	2.3 in.
Snow on ground Feb. 28	average 16 cm	6.2 in.
Snow on ground Feb. 28/80	32 cm.	12.5 in.
Total snowfall to date	237 cm	93 in.

We were exposed to both extremes of weather during the we were exposed to both extremes of weather during the month of February. The first half of the month was cold and winter-like while the last half featured warm temperatures and spring-like conditions. Many above average temperature records were broken in that time. The accumulation of snow dwindled from 30 inches to nothing in two weeks. Despite the warm weather there is still a great deal of growing the hush in the warm weather there is still a great deal of snow in the bush in the northern portion of the county.

Rainfall for the month was above average while the snowfall recorded was below average.

Several areas east of the county was a bounded to a deal dead of the county.

due to the fast melt. Areas along the Burnt River were hit by the

As to the operating deficit, the auditor said the council could eliminate that by raising water rates some 25%. At the moment the average residential customer is paying \$73 for water service while a

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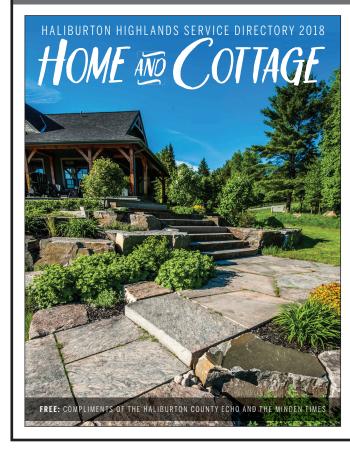


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# Partnership group meeting coming up

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Now that the weather is warm and spring is here you might be tempted to take a wander through the woods around your property. When doing so please remember that turkey and bear seasons are currently open and there may be hunters in the bush.

You might also be thinking about putting your boat in the water, but there are still ice chunks and floating debris in the water, especially after the storm we were hit with last weekend. If you must get to your water access property remember to take it easy and watch out for anything that may cause harm to you or your boat. If at all possible, you might consider picking up smaller chunks of wood brush to dispose of on land to help make the water that much safer for boaters heading out after you.

Happy birthday to John Shepherd, John Thompson, Alan McMullen, Norm MacKay, Steve Woolman and Luke Lock. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

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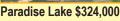
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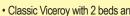




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